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LOCKHEED DEMOS NEW HIGH-POWER LASER WEAPON

March 4, 2015 SpaceDaily.com reported: "A 30-kilowatt fiber laser weapon system from Lockheed Martin successfully disabled a vehicle engine from a distance of more than one mile.

In the test - said to represent the highest power ever documented by a laser weapon of its type - the beam from the Advanced Test High Energy Asset, or ATHENA, quickly burned through the engine manifold of a truck mounted and running on a test platform, Lockheed Martin said. "Fiber-optic lasers are revolutionizing directed energy systems," said Keok ackson, Lockheed Martin chief technology officer. "We are investing in every component of the system -- from the optics and beam control to the laser itself -- to drive size, weight and power efficiencies.

"This test represents the next step to providing lightweight and rugged laser weapon systems for military aircraft, helicopters, ships and trucks."

The single-mode fiber laser weapon system prototype uses a technique called spectral beam combining -- multiple fiber laser modules form a single, powerful, high-quality beam. Lockheed Martin said ATHENA is based on its Area Defense Anti-Munitions laser weapon system , which was developed by Lockheed Martin and successfully demonstrated against small airborne and sea-based targets."..."



IRAQIS FIND SAUDI SUPPLIES, WEAPONS DESTINED FOR ISIS

March 4, 2015 World Net Daily reported: "If there still were any question of whether or not Saudi Arabia has been quietly supporting ISIS, Iraqi security forces who raided ISIS strongholds in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit have provided further evidence.

In their effort to retake Tikrit, the Iraqis found in ISIS storage areas several tons of foodstuffs and dried fruit from Saudi Arabia along with weapons, according to the Arabic language Al-Qad Press. The discovery came as some 30,000 Iraqi troops and militias began a counter-offensive backed by airstrikes to take back Tikrit from ISIS fighters.

Iraqi forces are attacking from three sides and now control the northern areas of the Albu Obaid village and west of Tikrit, which would be a stepping stone to retake the northern Iraqi city of Mosul..."

BIBI SHOWDOWN WITH IRAN A 'REPLAY OF BIBLE STORY'

March 3, 2015 World Net Daily reported: "Christian supporters of Israel see Tuesday's address to Congress by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as more than just a political speech. They're calling it a 'wake-up call,' and a 'warning,' one that appears eerily similar to another from 2,500 years ago in which the Jewish people found themselves in grave danger. With the Feast of Purim and Netanyahu's speech converging in the same week, there are lessons to be drawn from history, they say.

Purim celebrates Queen Esther's brave intervention to stop a plot that, if allowed to go forward, would have led to a genocide against the Jews.

But is the biblical story of Esther replaying thousands of years later? The threat Israel faces today does include some of the same national players, the same dates and the same stakes, according to Bible scholars and Christian friends of Israel..."

'ONE IRANIAN NUKE, 3 MILLION DEAD ISRAELIS'

March 3, 2015 Arutz Sheva reported: "Following upon a report in a Kuwaiti newspaper, that US President Barack Obama threatened to shoot down IAF jets en route to Iran if Israel tried to attack the nuclear infrastructure there -- a report later denied by the White House -- Arutz Sheva's Mark Langfan stated on NewsmaxTV's Steve Malzberg show Monday: 'You can't believe anything the Obama Administration says on Iran or Israel.'

He reminded viewers of the chilling words uttered by Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani in an Al Quds Day speech on December 14, 2001:

'If one day, the Islamic World is also equipped with weapons like those that Israel possesses now, then the imperialists' strategy will reach a standstill because the use of even one nuclear bomb inside Israel will destroy everything. However, it will only harm the Islamic world. It is not irrational to contemplate such an eventuality.'

Langfan then proceeded to explain, with one of his trademark maps, that 3 million Israelis would likely be killed if Iran successfully drops one 15-kiloton 'Hiroshima-size' 15 kiloton nuclear bomb anywhere near Tel-Aviv..."

CHIEF OF VATICAN POLICE: ISIS THREATS AGAINST POPE FRANCIS ARE REAL

March 3, 2015 Breitbart.com reported: "In a rare interview, the head of the Vatican police force, or 'Gendarmerie,' Commander Domenico Giani, said this weekend that the Islamic State (ISIS) threats against Pope Francis are 'real' and not just media propaganda. 'This is what emerges from the talks I have had with Italian and foreign colleagues,' he said.

Threats against the Pope and the Vatican go beyond the institutional Islamic State, said Giani, and extend to the risk of lone wolves, 'which are more dangerous because they are unpredictable.' This includes everything from fanatics to the mentally disturbed to individuals who simply choose the Vatican as a venue for the media coverage that they can get, he said.

Giani has stood at the helm of the Vatican police for the past nine years, but he now faces an especially tense period in the face of the dramatic news coming from the Middle East and North Africa and explicit ISIS threats against the Pope and Rome.

According to the commander, Pope Francis is fully aware of the risk but 'is not compromising the style of his pontificate, based on closeness to the people, that is, on personal contact with the greatest number of people possible.' Even as Pope, he said, Francis remains 'the priest who does not want to lose touch with his flock.'

'We are the ones who have to adjust to him, and not vice versa,' Giani said. 'We have to do everything we can so he can continue to carry out his ministry as he wants and believes he should.' ..."

N. KOREA FIRES MISSILES IN ANGER AT SOUTH-US MILITARY DRILLS

March 2, 2015 AFP reported: 'North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the sea and vowed "merciless" retaliation Monday as the US and South Korea kicked off joint military drills denounced by Pyongyang as recklessly confrontational. The annual exercises always trigger a surge in military tensions and warlike rhetoric on the divided peninsula, and analysts saw the North's missile tests as a prelude to a concerted campaign of sabre-rattling.

"If there is a particularly sharp escalation, we could see the North orchestrating some kind of clash on the maritime border," said Jeung Young-Tae, an analyst at the Korea Institute for National Unification in Seoul.

The missile launches came with a stern warning from the nuclear-armed (North) Korean People's Army (KPA) that this year's military drills would bring the peninsula "towards the brink of war". The South's defence ministry said the Scud missiles were fired from the western port city of Nampo and fell into the sea off the east coast -- a distance of nearly 500 kilometres (310 miles).

UN resolutions ban any ballistic missile test by North Korea, and Seoul defence ministry spokesman Kim Min-Seok said Pyongyang appeared intent on triggering a "security crisis"

"We will respond sternly and strongly to any provocation," Kim said.

Japan said it had issued a strong protest to the North given the danger such missile launches posed to aviation and shipping, while China urged the two Koreas to exercise restraint.

Missile tests have long been a preferred North Korean method of expressing anger and displeasure with what it views as confrontational behaviour by the South and its allies.

"The situation on the Korean peninsula is again inching close to the brink of a war," a spokesman for the KPA General Staff was quoted as North Korea has threatened attacks, including nuclear strikes, on the US before, although it has never demonstrated a missile capability that would encompass the US mainland.

The largest element of the two South Korea-US drills that began Monday is Foal Eagle, an eight-week exercise involving air, ground and naval field training, with around 200,000 Korean and 3,700 US troops. The other is a week-long, largely computer-simulated joint drill called Key Resolve."..."

IRAN CLERIC VOWS TO 'RAISE FLAG OF ISLAM ON WHITE HOUSE'

March 01, 2015 The Jerusalem Post reported: "A senior Iranian cleric with close ties to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei vowed on Friday that 'we will raise the flag of Islam over the White House' in response to the killing of Hezbollah and Revolutionary Guards operatives on the Golan Heights last month.



According to foreign media, Israeli attack helicopters killed six Hezbollah terrorists along with six Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) operatives, including a high-ranking general.

Among the Hezbollah operatives killed in the strike was Jihad Moughniyeh, the son of Hezbollah's former military leader, Imad Moughniyeh, who according to Western intelligence sources, was in the midst of setting up a terrorism base on the Syrian Golan and plotting rocket attacks, bombings, anti-tank missile strikes, and cross-border infiltrations against Israel.

The cleric, Ali Shirazi, made the remarks to the official Revolutionary Guards web site. His comments were reported by the Saudi-owned news network Al Arabiya.



'The resistance front led by Iran would retaliate from the global arrogance of killing [Iranian officers] and Hezbollah men' on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, Shirazi said during a ceremony honoring Iranian soldiers who died in Syria and Iraq."..."

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